

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner found that the pending claims 1-13, 15, 17-30, and 32-44 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejection of the independent claims 1 and 32 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 on the grounds the limitations of receiving a request for bids and receiving at least one bid are indefinite "because they are not tied to another statutory class". To address this concern, Applicants amend claim 1 to recite a "computer implemented method".

The Examiner rejected claim 32 as indefinite and recommended language to add to claim 32 to overcome the rejection. Applicants amended claim 32 to include the proposed language and amended claims 33-44 to change "article of manufacture" to "computer readable medium".

Applicants submit that these amendments overcome the Section 112 rejections.

The attorney for Applicants requests that the Examiner contact him at 310-553-7977 to discuss these amendments if the Examiner believes further changes are needed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-13, 15, 17-30, and 32-44 are patentable over the art of record. Should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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